

As "Aaron Doras."—The Evening Journal tells the following "good one":

Some hours since, a man bound to California, sent his creditors upon his heels, and what do we hardly know.—Necessity being the mother of invention, he quickly made a turn, and dressed himself in his wife's clothing. Let us remark that it was about the hour for the ship to cast off from the wharf, when three arrangements were completed, and the sheriff—a former partner of the individual in question—and two of his creditors, all of whom knew him perfectly well, posted themselves upon the wharf to intercept their friend's progress. In a few moments down came Mr. —— elegantly dressed, miming it most femininely, and escorted by a male companion, unless the wife and husband had changed dresses. Mr. —— could not pass up the side ladder, nor he; it would be indecent; and so a number of planks had to be passed over the side of the ship, the three friends assisting in carrying the same. As Mr. —— passed up the planks, the partner remarked to the sheriff, "Bless me I have seen that face before; I wonder who that lady is? Whoever she may be, she is blessed with a good understanding!"

The lady passed over the side and immediately joined a female passenger on the quarter-deck. The fests were quickly cast off, when the city was raised "where is Mr. ——, he is not on board." The city was silenced, however, for a moment, and the ship was under way. But it was observed by all upon the wharf, that while the arrangements were going on for making sail, Mr. —— started and looked much alarmed at the slightest sound made by the hauling of the ropes; it was thought that the lady was green from the country. The Sheriff and creditors, when they found out the joke, admitted that she was really as green as themselves. The trick was so nicely done, they all admit that they are sorry Mr. —— escaped their clutches. This is a fact.

A REFUGEE WHO DESERVES ENCOURAGEMENT.—The following queer letter is published in the New Orleans Delta. The writer certainly deserves encouragement for his ingenuity as well as for his industry:

NEW ORLEANS, 11th Feb., 1850.

Sir: Driven from my country for my political opinions; I have chosen for my exile this land of liberty, where man, enjoying liberal institutions, has nothing to occupy him but the care of material life.

It appearing that there was not in this city a merchant of roasted chestnuts, I engaged myself a turn of progress, I wish to communicate that business; and I address you to beg a fair encouragement for my talents, and that you will persuade your friend to come and buy of me in my store on Royal street, near the entrance of the St. Louis Hotel.

A RETRORE.

"I wonder what they mean by 'better feeling' in the market?" asked Aunt Mammie, as she turned towards the elder; "I never feel better there, and I don't believe any body else does, except the butchers, and that is when they are pocketing the money. Things is so dear! But," continued she, brightening up with a new idea, "I should like to see the trade embracing ten bbls. of tobacco, that I seen here printed about in the paper. That must be something very touching." The elder turned the conversation very admirably on a new track, and the paper was laid in a knot for future reference.—*Puffin*.

FAST.—This word is a great buster to fire-givers (especially Frenchmen) learning the English language. The difficulty with such words as plough, cough, dough, tough, &c., lies in getting at their proper pronunciation only; each having but a single meaning. The word *fast* admits of a triple signification.—*Post*.

We once heard a Frenchman upon the road—just "Fast day," we believe tell a boy to hold his horse swift.

"Fast, you mean, don't you, sir?" interrogated the lad.

"Vel fast, den; mais, be gar, I no un desord dis."

"There goes a fast horser!" exclaimed a bystander, as streaked by a lively trotting nag.

"How's zat?" nervously inquired the astonished Frenchman; "zur is von horse fast, and he goes like zunder all de time; zur is my horse—he is *fast*, too, and he no *mevo*!"

"This is Fast Day in reality, by the appearance of the road," said another.

"Oh, I see den," said Monsieur, "vy dis is *fast* day, every thing is *fast*—to horse zat goes is *fast*, de horse that is tied is *fast*, and de folks zat eat nothing and eat it show is *fast*. He fast! val a country!"

—The Louisville Courier says, that a colored boy fell from the upper story of the Journal office, last Wednesday, alighting on the roof of a building twenty feet below. It was thought he must be killed, "but," says the Courier, "providentially striking head foremost, he escaped unharmed."

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WHIG NOMINATIONS.

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of Providence.

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR;

THOMAS WHIPPLE,
of Country.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE;

CHRISTOPHER E. ROBBINS,
of Providence.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL;

JOSEPH M. BLAKE,
of Bristol.

FOR GENERAL TREASURER;

STEPHEN CALIGONE,
of Newport.

THE present contumacy between the North and South, the great principal of which is one in which we are all called up to maintain and carry out by considerations of policy, as well as humanity. This principal involves no aggression on the rights of the people of the South, but on the contrary, the practical effect of its recognition would be to make the South permanently prospective. The North has determined that Slavery shall not exist in the territories, and that if future acquisitions of territory are made they shall be free territory.

With the institutions of Slavery as it exists, the North does not wish to meddle, but with a proper regard for the interests of the South as well as of the North, are determined no longer to allow the restless and scheming hotspurs of the South to plunge the Union into a second crusade for its extension. Let it be distinctly understood that all future acquisitions of territory shall be free, or, better still, that no further annexation shall be sanctioned, and the peace and prosperity of the United States will be established on an enduring basis. There is no fear that attempts will be made to interfere with slavery in the States.

The duty of the North in the present crisis is plain and unmistakable. We must adopt and adhere to that course of action which will secure freedom to the territories, regardless of the threats and the furious denunciations of the disengaged adherents of the South. In securing this great object, a proper regard for the harmony of the confederacy, and a due deference to the opinions which are honestly entertained at the South, dictate that the most conciliatory course should be adopted which is consistent with its attainments. The first great object of the friends of the Union is to secure the admission of California, and we trust that those who are favorable to this measure, will not suffer their efforts to be thwarted from the attainment of this end, either by the threats of Southern aristocracy or by the plottings and misrepresentations of those at the North to whom agitation is the very health of existence.

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WATERBURY, March 1. The Treasurer's statement, published yesterday, announces the amount on deposit at the various mints Feb. 25, at \$3,499,000. Drafts payable, \$1,119,000.

Mr. Bonaparte, sent out to this country temporarily, to take the place of Mr. Leconte, the new French minister, detained at home by illness has arrived.

SENATE.—Mr. Douglass introduced a bill for selling Minnesota lands to naval settlers, and Mr. Baldwin, of Connecticut, submitted a resolution, demanding the reasons of the delay in the public printing. Both laid over. On motion of Mr. Mangan, the Senate went into executive session, and after adjourned to Monday.

House.—The discussion on the resolution offered by Mr. Bell, of Tennessee, was resumed. Messrs. Howlin, of Missouri, and Marshall, of Kentucky, spoke at large. After an hour's debate, Mr. King of Alabama, moved the previous question. Mr. Stanton, of Tennessee, got the floor, when the house went into Committee on the Whole on the private calendar. After two hours consideration the Committee rose and reported several bills, with various recommendations. Adjourned to Monday.

TOKIO, U. S., Feb. 28.—Col. Prince, member from Essex, has published a bold and vigorous letter in favor of Canadian independence.

BALTIMORE, March 1.—The steamship Republic has been purchased by George Lewis, of New York, for 135,000 dollars, to run between Panama and San Francisco.

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE IN VERMONT.—A correspondent of the Montpelier Patriot describes a singular bridge of this kind, built by a young man in Stockbridge across White River. The materials are said to have cost less than \$25,000. The following is the description:

Six wires one eighth of an inch in diameter, are drawn two hundred feet in length and attached eight inches apart to a horizontal winch base by which they are drawn as tight as desired. Across these wires are placed light half inch boards for the foot of the bridge, which are made fast to the wires. A smaller wire is drawn across each side attached to upright standards to serve as a railing. The centre is strengthened and supported by wires drawn to the top posts on either bank, some twenty feet or more above the ends of the bridge. Other wires from the centre are made fast to either bank of the river above and below the bridge at angles of thirty or forty degrees.

QUEVY.—A gentleman travelling in a gig, in the vicinity of London, pausing in a turnpike, stopped for a ticket, and while the gate-keeper was procuring it, he threw the toll-money down on the road; the gate-keeper with great coolness immediately took it up, and placed the ticket on the same spot, which the gentleman perceiving, and being anxious to proceed on his journey, requested him to give it up; but, turning on his heels, he said, "No, Master, where I recieve my money, there I always leave the receipt;" and immediately left the gentleman to get out of the gig, and take it up himself.

PRESERVATION OF GRAIN, &c., FROM MICE.—Mr. McDonald, of Scalpa, in the Hebrides, having some years ago, suffered considerably by mice, put at the bottom, near the centre, and on the top of each stack or mow, as it was raised, three or four stalks of wild mint, with the leaves on, and never after had any of his grain consumed. He then tried the same experiment with his cheese, and other articles kept in store, and often injured by mice, and with equal effect, by laying a few leaves, green or dry, on the articles to be preserved. From these results it must be inferred, mice have an antipathy to the smell of mint; if so, it may be worth experimenting to scatter a few drops of oil of peppermint in pantries and places which they frequent, as the effect will probably be the same.

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THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS.

The gloomy night is breaking,

Even now the eastern morn,

With a fair, yet cheering radiance,

On the hill-slope of the West.

The mists are slowly rising,

From the valley of the plain,

And a spirit is awaking,

That shall never sleep again.

And ye may hear, they listen,

The spirit's stirring song,

That rings like the ocean,

With its solemn lora along.

"Ho! can ye say the Rivers,

Or bind the wings of Light,

Or bring back to the Morning

The old departed night?

"Nor shall ye check its impulse,

Nor stay it for an hour,

Until earth's groaning millions

Have felt its healing power!"

That spirit is progression,

In the vigor of its youth;

The foeman of Oppression,

And invader is the Truth.

Old Error with its legions

Must fall beneath its wrath;

No blood, nor tears, nor anguish,

Will mark its hellish path.

But onward, upward, Bearward,

The spirit still will roar,

With Peace and Love shall triumph,

And falsehood reigns no more.

JACK'S OPINION OF THE FRENCH EMPIRE.

A tar, lately returned from a long captivity in France, was sitting at the fire, surrounded by his overjoyed kinsfolk, answering, as fast as he was able, all their curious questions concerning these Mountains; when, among other things, they said, "Of course, Jack, you have learned to speak French, in so long a time?"

"French," says Jack, "why, they call

everything out of its name so rankly; why,

they call hat, a *choppe*; and a horse,

a *shovel*; a house, a *mazza*; a shop,

a *heat-kook*; and the lubbers call a fork, a *forester*;

Who could ever learn such a lingo as that there?"

The young girl, quite ignorant of the English language, but with a good ear for it, said,

"I'll take two children if I can have

'em cheap," said a tall Yank, on entering

an oyster cellar in Canal street the other day.

"Why, I ain't got any myself, and

your sign reads 'Families supplied,' don't it?"

"I want you to supply me with one."

DIRECTORS.

At New Orleans, on the 18th ult., Mrs. Astor, wife of William H. Towne, of this town,

and others, sold a

100 shares of the *Philip Rider*,

ARRIVED.

SATURDAY, March 2.

Barque *Danaricotta*, Home, Prov.

Schooner *John Collins*, Phillips, Georgetown, N. Bedford.

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